

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 January 66 04/2205Z	2. LOCATION Buffalo, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer saw an object that looked like a star with a long vapor trail. The object then appeared as a silver ball. He saw an airplane in the same area coming from the north. The object disappeared on the skyline leaving only its vapor trail. In a few moments the vapor trail had vanished. He compared the brightness of the object to a reflection off a small object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West to East	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Observer only estimated time in sight and probably overestimated. Every characteristic of a meteor
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



4 JAN

FTD (TDEW)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
20 January 1966

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Buffalo, New York 14214

Dear [REDACTED]:

Reference your unidentified observation of 4 January 66. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr., Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

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# U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

4 Jan 1966  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 5 30

Hour

Minutes

(Circle One):

A.M.

or

P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):

- a. Eastern
- b. Central
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One):

- a. Daylight Saving
- b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[Redacted]

Nearest Postal Address

Buffalo  
City or Town

New York  
State or Country

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? estimated

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes

No

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

NIGHT

- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):

- a. In front of you
- b. In back of you
- c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight -- pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

*reflected from small object*

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                                     |            |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No                                  | Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes                                  | No                                  | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes                                  | No                                  | Don't know |



14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *No*

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: *2 planes in view*

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound *none*

b. Color *1st white, then silver*

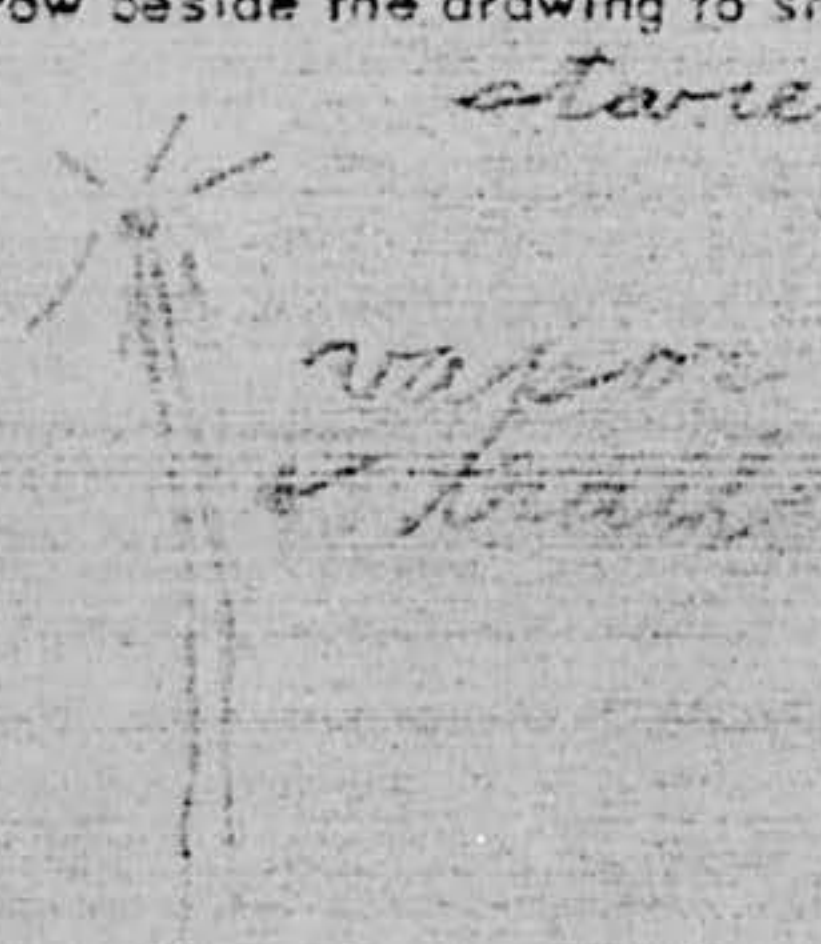
18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

*the same object would have been covered (except vapor trail)*

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

1



2 silver ball





20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

☒ c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type) \_\_\_\_\_

e. At sea

f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

☒ b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

Yes

☒ No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

☒ No

f. Telescope

Yes

☒ No

c. Windshield

Yes

☒ No

g. Theodolite

Yes

☒ No

d. Window glass

Yes

☒ No

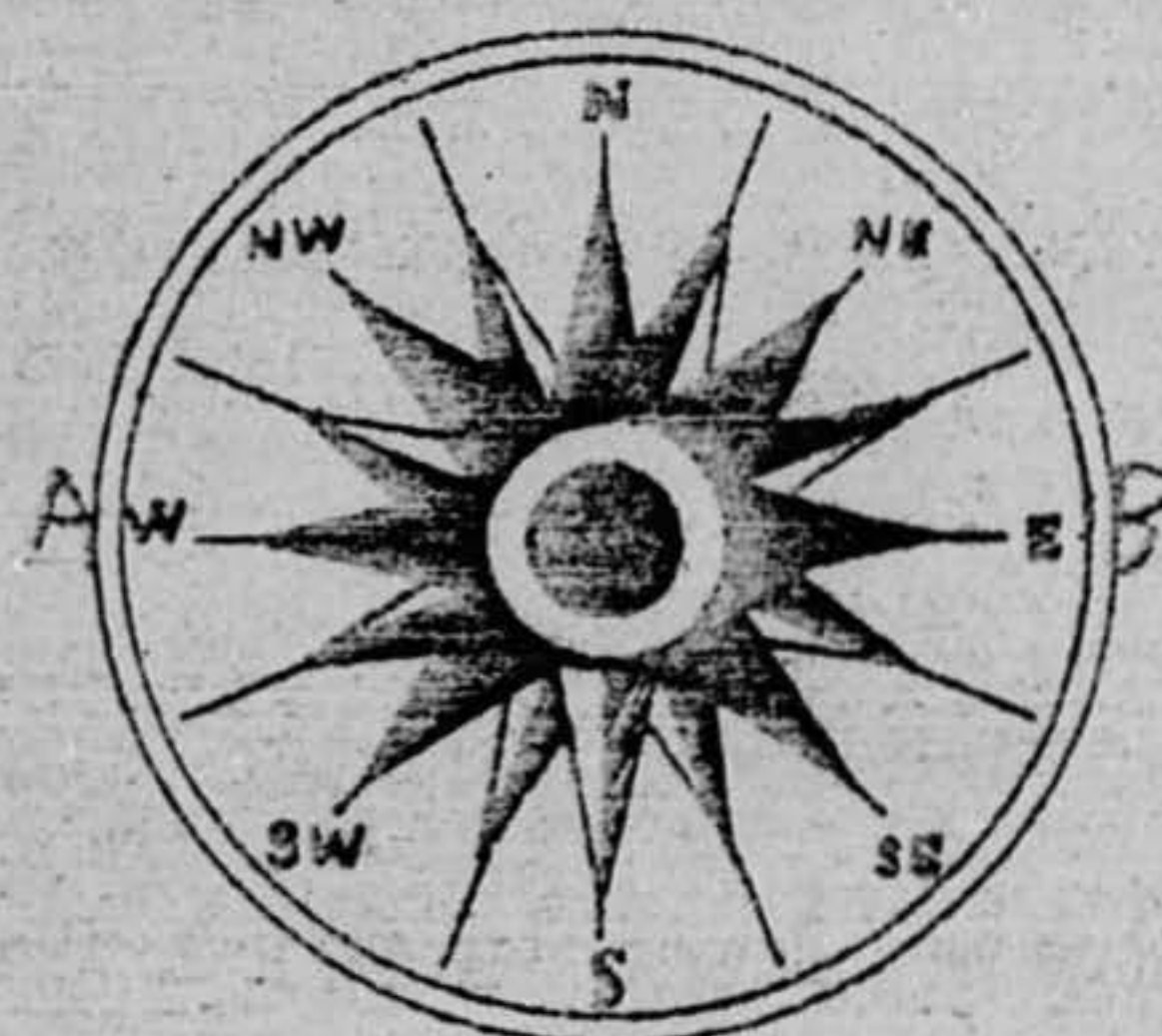
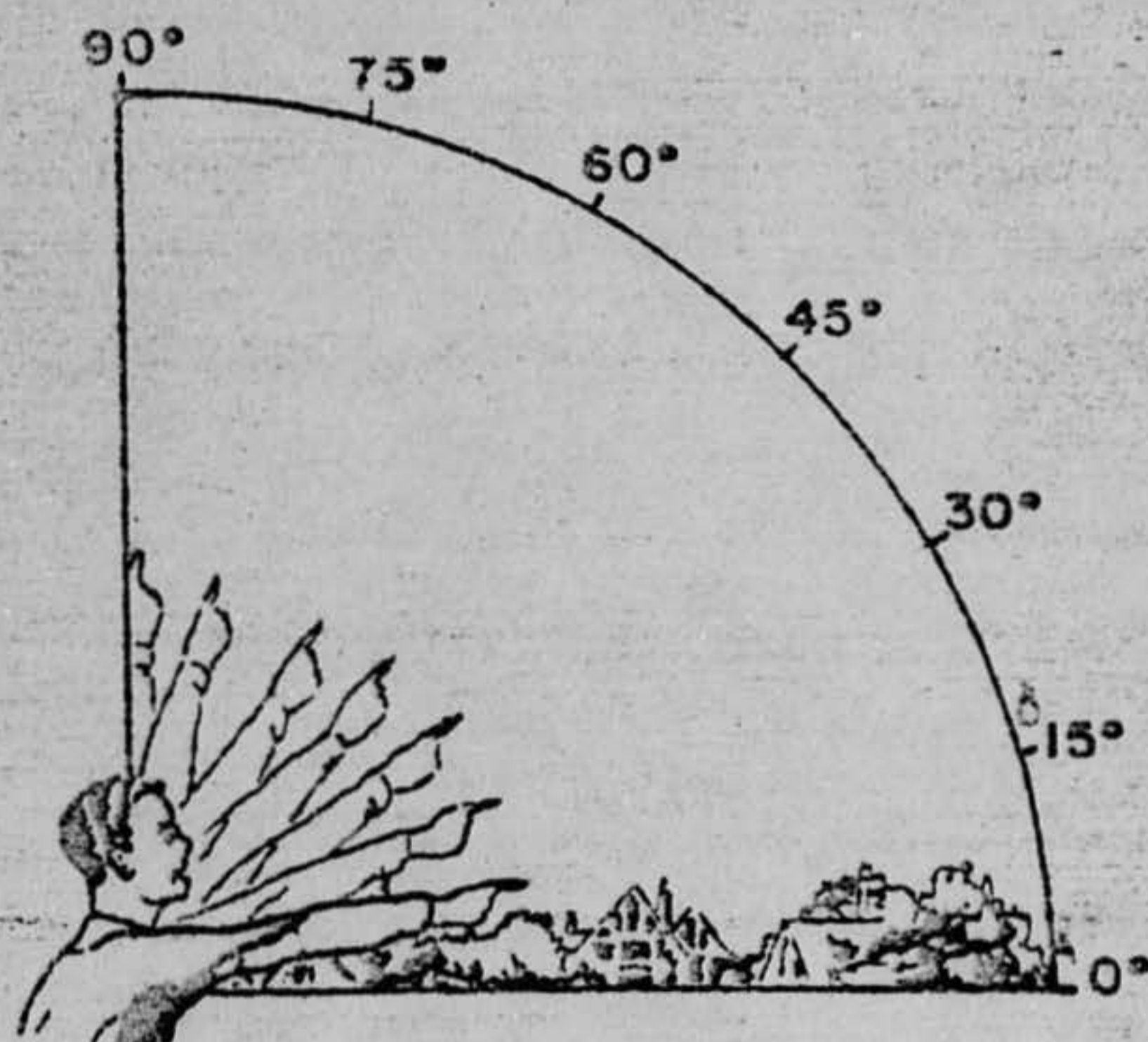
h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw

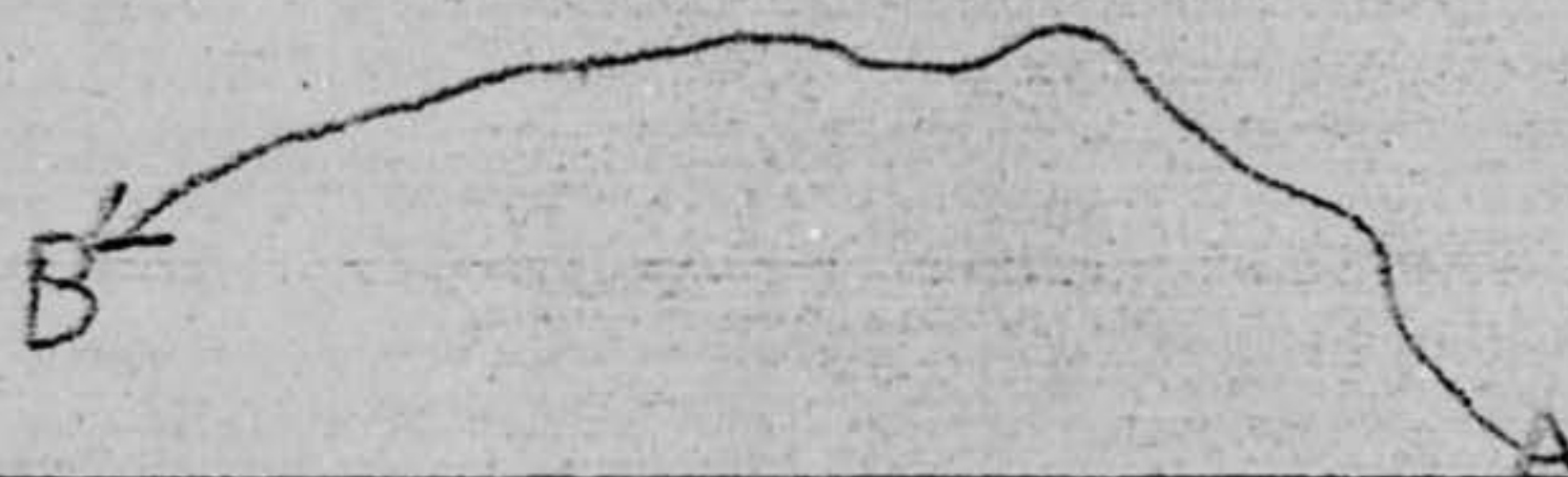
*It first appeared as a small star, giving off some light into the air and then as a silver ball.*



27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

*no*

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

*222 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo New York 14211.  
2 planes where all so in the area (1 was a military  
type the other a private plane.)*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year



34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

21 Jan 1966  
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

I was walking on gravel when I saw it, so did Tracy. Then we saw a military plane fly north under it. It seemed like a star when it changed into a silver ball. The private plane went under it coming from the north. It disappeared over the skyline leaving only a long vapor trail. After I turned my head away from it for a moment, I could find no sign of it's vapor trail.



[REDACTED]  
Buffalo New York 14214  
January 6, 1966

Project Blue Book  
S. A. T. O. L.  
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Sir:

On January 4, 1966 at 5:05 P.M.  
I ~~saw~~ a star-like object with a long report trail.  
As it flew over me it began to look more  
like a shiny sphere. Two pieces flew  
under it. It went faster than a jet and  
gave off no sound. I ~~then~~ turned my  
head around for a second and when  
I look back the report trail was gone.  
You may ask any other questions concerning  
the UFO.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]